

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES  
ASSISTANCE AND BILL OF  
RIGHTS ACT OF 2000

SPEECH OF

**HON. JAMES H. MALONEY**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 25, 2000*

Mr. MALONEY of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, this week marks the 10th anniversary of the Americans for Disability Act, which has helped all our fellow Americans to realize their full potential. In this regard, I was pleased to attend a ceremony last month here in the U.S. Capitol Building at which Pitney Bowes, a worldwide leader in messaging technology based in Connecticut, received the Blind American Veterans Foundation's Corporate Award for their development of the Universal Access Copier.

This revolutionary copier incorporates many leading technologies, including the first-ever use of advanced speech recognition in a copier. This speech recognition software can "learn" any user's voice pattern, including those with speech disabilities, and respond to any language. This enables users to operate every feature of the copier merely by stating simple commands. In addition to voice activation, a touch screen and Braille keyboard allows operators to choose how they prefer to operate the system. The copier also adjusts to different heights allowing people with mobility limitations, including those in wheelchairs, to operate it. The Universal Access Copier assists those with disabilities in enjoying employment opportunities that may not have been previously available to them.

At the ceremony, John Fales, Jr., President of the Blind American Veterans Foundation (BAVF), presented the award to Michael Critelli, CEO and Chairman of Pitney Bowes. This was the 15th annual George "Buck" Gillispie Congressional awards ceremony held as part of the 2000 Flag Week events. For those who may not know, BAVF was launched in 1985 by three American Veterans who lost their sight during service in Korea and Vietnam—John Fales (USMC), Don Garner (USN) and Dennis Wyant (USN). All these individuals had achieved successful careers despite their blindness but they realized that many sensory disabled veterans had not had the same opportunities afforded them. Accordingly, they determined to form the foundation and pursue its goals of research, rehabilitation and re-employment.

I am proud to say the Universal Access Copier was developed at the Pitney Bowes Technology Center, which serves as the company's "innovation incubator", and symbolizes Pitney Bowes' ongoing commitment to excellence in research and technological development. The Technology Center sits on a nine-acre site in my congressional district in Shelton, Connecticut and provides a consolidated engineering campus for several hundred engineers, scientists, and programmers. The company was previously honored for development of the copier when it was presented the Computerworld Smithsonian Award which recognizes vision, leadership and innovation through outstanding use of information technology. Pitney Bowes' Universal Access Copier was singled out for the help it offers 34 million Americans with disabilities of working age

in living and working more independently. The copier has also been inducted into the permanent Smithsonian Institution's Research Collection alongside such famous technological innovations as Samuel Morse's original telegraph.

The copier is only one of many Pitney Bowes' technological innovations. For the last 14 years, the company has ranked in the top 200 companies receiving U.S. patents. Pitney Bowes has received over 3,000 patents worldwide, with an average of more than 100 issued every year.

Mr. Speaker, Pitney Bowes unwavering commitment to bring innovative technologies to all, including those with disabilities, truly stands out. I commend them on their work and look forward to their continued success.

TRIBUTE IN APPRECIATION OF  
DANIEL ZARAZUA

**HON. JAMES A. BARCIA**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 27, 2000*

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, today I congratulate Chief Master Sergeant Daniel Zarazua on his retirement from the Air Force and in appreciation for the many years of dedicated service that he has given to his family, his community, and his country.

Born August 5, 1952, Daniel Zarazua has lead a heroic and inspirational life. He joined the United States Air Force in 1970, and after completing basic training and technical school, he graduated as a Medical Service Specialist at Sheppard Air Force Base in Texas. He has served all over the world, including assignments in Taiwan, the Philippines, Italy, and Korea, and rose from the rank of Airman to Chief Master Sergeant in less than 20 years. He has received the Meritorious Service Medal, the Air Force Commendation Medal, and the Air Force Achievement Medal, among other decorations during his distinguished career.

But Daniel Zarazua has always been more than just a soldier. He has always been a dedicated family man. Ask his mother Lila, a truly remarkable woman in her own right, and she will tell you that her son, Dan, called her nearly every single Monday throughout his military career. And with a wife and two children of his own, seven natural siblings, nine step-siblings, he has had opportunities to be a husband, a father, a big brother, a little brother, and an uncle.

Throughout American history, there are stories of great heroism, tremendous sacrifice, and epic courage. America is safe and free because generations of men and women willingly endured the hardships and sacrifices required to preserve our liberty. They answered the call and were there to fight for the nation, so that all of us could enjoy the freedoms we hold so dearly. America is truly the land of the free and home of the brave because of men like Daniel Zarazua who were willing to risk their life at the altar of freedom.

It was General George Patton who said "Wars may be fought with weapons, but they are won by soldiers. It is the spirit of the soldier who follows and of the soldier who leads that gains the victory." Mr. Speaker, Daniel Zarazua has always been a "soldier who

leads", and I ask all of my colleagues to join me in honoring him for his unending dedication to his family, his community, and his country. I could go on and on about Daniel's patriotism, but I wanted to recognize him for all that he has done, and wish him well in the days ahead, days that will be filled with all the good fruits of a well-deserved retirement. I know that he will spend even more time with his mother, his wife Sue, and his two children, Dan and Monica. Daniel Zarazua has lived a truly incredible life, and he serves as a role model and an inspiration to everyone who has had the pleasure to know him.

CONGRATULATING JAMES AND  
COKE HALLOWELL

**HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 27, 2000*

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate James and Coke Hallowell for winning the Excellence in Business Hall of Fame Award for 2000.

James started working at his father's dealership in 1955, and assumed control of the company in 1968. It was a small company in a rural community. By 1999 Hallowell Chevrolet sold 2,000 vehicles and generated \$65 million in sales. James retired from the business in 1999, when he sold the dealership to his partner Bill Hendrick.

Over the years James and Coke have received numerous honors. James has received the Leon S. Peters Award, Fresno Junior Chamber of Commerce Award as Fresno's Outstanding Young Man in 1969, Time Magazine's Quality Dealer Award in 1971, and Fresno State's Alumnus of the Year award in 1974. Coke has been the State Center Community College District trustee for two terms.

James and Coke have contributed their time, efforts, and money to charitable and civic causes as well. Coke has been deeply committed to the San Joaquin River Parkway since 1985. James has been active with the Fresno Philharmonic Orchestra, is currently president-elect of the Fresno Business Council, and has a seat on the Community Medical Center's Board of Directors.

Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to congratulate James and Coke Hallowell for winning the Excellence in Business Hall of Fame Award for 2000. I urge my colleagues to join me in wishing them many more years of continued success.

MABANK CENTENNIAL  
CELEBRATION

**HON. RALPH M. HALL**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 27, 2000*

Mr. HALL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to rise today in recognition of the Centennial Celebration of MaBank, Texas in the fourth Congressional District. Mabank was established in 1889 when two ranchers, Mason and Eubank, convinced railroad officials to build their line through their ranches. Thus, the community Mabank was formed and